

Maynard Finance Committee  
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Present: Tom Black, Elliot Bruce, Peter Campbell, Ken Estabrook (Chair), Alannah Gustavson, Kelly Kane, Jillian Prendergast (Vice Chair)

Absent: None

Others: Assabet Valley Technical representatives: Superintendent Houle and Assistant Superintendent Luoto, Maynard representative Pam Reiniger; Greg Johnson, Lauri Plourde, Lydia Clancy, Natasha Rivera, concerned citizens

All relevant documents available on board docs.

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm. Ken went over the legal remote meeting notice. This meeting was not recorded.

Ken went over the agenda for the meeting. Chair and member updates, and minute approval will be after meeting with the Assabet Valley Tech representatives.

Meeting with Assabet (presentation slides on Board Docs)

Since Sept the students have been in a hybrid plan.

They shared the freshman placement chart. 16 out of 18 students got into their first choice for program placements.

Budget is level service. Budget for supplies increased due to COVID.

Ken asked for clarification on why our Capital Assessment is 11.31% when our enrollment has dropped. Chris clarified that it is in the regional agreement that the assessment is based on a three year average at the time of the assessment. Our enrollment is currently 8.31%.

In-district student enrollment has risen, and out of district has declined steadily from 2016. Their ten-year average for budget increase is 2.94%.

House 1 budget is allowing for \$34,492 of our assessment to be offset by ESSERII funding. This is a one-time allowance.

Pam added that she thought Assabet has done a great job with managing COVID.

#### Chair and Member Updates

Ken did not have any specific updates and opened it to members.

Alannah let the Committee know that CPC is meeting on Wednesday and will be discussing the golf course. Greg explained the golf course discussion he is expecting, pertaining to the use of the clubhouse under CPC funds.

## Minutes

Chair shared the minutes on screen. Tom motioned to approve as written. Jill seconded. Vote 7-0 to approve.

## FY21 Budget Update

Ken asked if there were any updates on the current year budget. There haven't been any changes, but Lauri said we have received 82% of our local receipts (with motor vehicle removed because that is due later). Greg said that both marijuana shops are now open and a revenue source. The Town gets 3% sales tax and a 3% impact fee from our host community agreement.

## Town Meeting

Ken went through the draft FinCom Recommendations document.

Article 4 still has some questions about what the ADA Commission is able to do in terms of fines. Lauri confirmed that fines collected go into the Local Receipts General Fund. Article 9 had some clarifying language concerning the charging stations in Naylor Court versus new charging stations.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 1 for reasons written in our document. Elliot seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 2 for reasons written in our document. Tom seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 3 for reasons written in our document. Elliot seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Lauri confirmed for the Committee that the Massachusetts law allows her to make a separate account for ADA fee collection to be used by the ADA Commission.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 4 for reasons written in our document. Tom seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 5 for reasons written in our document. Tom seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 6 for reasons written in our document. Tom seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 7 for reasons written in our document. Peter seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 8 for reasons written in our document. Tom seconded. Short discussion on clarifying language. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 9 for reasons written in our document. Elliot seconded. Short discussion on clarifying language. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Peter raised a concern about the Sponsor comments for Article 7. He believes calling it a single-raise and appropriate vote is not correct, because we now clarify the nine line items. Greg has sent the wording to Town Counsel.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 10 for reasons written in our document. Elliot seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 11 for reasons written in our document. Tom seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 12 for reasons written in our document. Peter seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 13 for reasons written in our document. Elliot seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 14 for reasons written in our document. Peter seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 15 for reasons written in our document. Tom seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 16 for reasons written in our document. Jill seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken made a motion to recommend Article 17 for reasons written in our document. Tom seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Kelly asked a clarifying question on the wording of article 18. Peter recommended an additional sentence explaining that the debt service is paid for by the Water Enterprise Fund. Ken made a motion to recommend Article 18 with the amended wording in our document. Peter seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

Ken added Tom's wording to the recommendation document. Ken made a motion to recommend Article 19 for reasons written in our document. Tom seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

There was discussion on the definitions in Article 20 and Kelly gave some clarification on the article from attending Planning Board meetings. Ken made a motion to recommend Article 20 for reasons written in our document. Kelly seconded. Vote 7-0 to recommend.

#### FY22 Budget update

Greg does not anticipate any changes to the FY22 Budget prior to ATM.

#### Future meetings

For the April 26th meeting we will do preparation for our public hearing.

Peter asked for clarification on the solar project at the schools. Greg provided clarification of the process. Natasha said the public hearing for the School Committee budget is April 15th, and the vote on the budget is May 6th.

Tom motioned to adjourn, Alannah seconded. Vote 7-0 to adjourn at 9:37pm.